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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KONDO ENERGY MISSION

REF: (A) TOKYO 704; (B) TOKYO 1322

1. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH ECON/ COUNS ON RELATED SUBJECT, OYAKE ( HEAD, INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES DIVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) PROVIDED SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON FORTHCOMING KONDO ENERGY MISSION. HE SAID PURPOSE WAS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON BASIC ORIENTATION OF U. S. ENERGY POLICY THROUGH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND OPINIONS AND TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOJ ON FUTURE POLICIES. ACCORDING TO OYAKE, MISSION WILL BE IN POSITION TO ENGAGE IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS. OYAKE NOTED THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH LONG LIST OF TOP LEVEL US POLICY MAKERS IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND AS WELL AS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.

2. ECON/ COUNS ATTEMPTED CONVEY TO OYAKE THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS TO BE ARRANGED SINCE MISSION WOULD PRESUMABLY BE IN WASHINGTON BEFORE ISSUANCE OF THE PRESIDENT' S ENERGY MESSAGE  
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( HENCE BEFORE CONTENTS COULD BE DISCUSSED) AND SINCE MISSION REPRESENTED BASICALLY SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ( WHICH COULD BE HANDLED AT LOWER LEVEL) RATHER THAN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG POLICY MAKERS. OYAKE COUNTERED THAT MISSION REPRESENTED IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN GOJ POLICY DETERMINATION.

3. OYAKE AGREED THAT IF WASHINGTON SO DESIRED, SOME MEETINGS COULD BE ARRANGED WITH ONLY GOJ MEMBERS OF MISSION PRESENT.

4. EMBASSY CONCERNED THAT JAPANESE ( OR AT LEAST FONOFF) WILL BE DISAPPOINTED IN RECEPTION ACCORDED TO KONDO MISSION IN WASHINGTON . WHILE FONOFF CLEARLY TRYING TO BUILD UP SIGNIFICANCE OF MISSION, MITI 'S ATTITUDE HAS BEEN QUITE RELAXED, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE MISSION IS TO LARGE EXTENT FONOFF SPONSORED. EMBASSY NOTES THAT GOJ MEMBERS INCLUDE ONLY AMBASSADOR KONDO ( WHO HAS ONLY LIMITED KNOWLEDGE ENERGY MATTERS) PLUS RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL FROM FONOFF AND MITI. EXPERTISE IN MISSION LOCATED IN NON-GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERS. WHILE FOCUS OF MISSION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ON SEARCH FOR INFORMATION, RATHER THAN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, EMBASSY BELIEVES MISSION' S REPORT ON ITS DISCUSSIONS IN US WILL BEAR HEAVILY ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS RE DEGREE AND MODE OF COOPERATION WITH US AND OTHER CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND THUS WILL HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF OVERALL JAPANESE ENERGY POLICY, THUS, WHILE EMBASSY UNABLE RECOMMEND CABINET- LEVEL APPOINTMENTS, IT HOPES WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL MEET WITH KONDO MISSION AT APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL AND USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE TO JAPANESE NEED FOR CLOSER COOPERATION ON ENERGY MATTERS. SHOESMITH

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